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The 2012 Question

Some day, when they see protection restored to the unborn, our grandchildren and great-grandchildren will ask us what we did to stop the abortion holocaust. One of the key moments of that battle will have been the elections of 2012, as a result of which the Supreme Court will move either in the direction of restoring protection to the unborn or of continuing the holocaust.

Moreover, elections on the state level will help to determine which states will become abortion free. In 2012, Priests for Life will advance with boldness the effort to mobilize pro-life voters, and will be working with dozens of other groups to bring about states in which there are no longer any abortion mills, and in which laws are in place that make it next to impossible for such killing centers to open again.

Visit www.PoliticalResponsibility.com to learn how you can overcome the fears and excuses that threaten to stop effective pro-life activity.

Thank you for...the multiple and highly well-deserving initiatives of Priests for Life in the defense of human life and in the promotion of the pastoral work in this field so fundamental and crucial today...The collaboration of Priests for Life is always valuable and precious. -- *Cardinal Ennio Antonelli, President, Pontifical Council for the Family, Vatican City, September 16, 2008.*

New Evangelization and Child-Killing



Fr. Frank Pavone with marchers at the 2011 March for Life in Washington, DC.

Recently, at the invitation of Vatican officials, our Priests for Life team prepared some input for next year's Synod of Bishops on the topic of the New Evangelization. Every few years, representatives of bishops' conferences from around the world gather for several weeks of deliberations in

Rome concerning one or another aspect of the Church's work. In order to guide their deliberations, a working document is prepared, and the input of the entire Church is sought.

The topic of the "New Evangelization," is one about

which Blessed John Paul II spoke often. It refers to a new fervor in proclaiming the unchanging Gospel, especially in places where, the Gospel having once been proclaimed and accepted, there are powerful forces of secularization that cause people to forget God.

In forgetting the Creator, moreover, as the Second Vatican Council taught, the creature becomes unintelligible. As Pope Benedict pointed out recently in creating a new office at the Vatican for promoting the New Evangelization,

"... [T]here has been a troubling loss of the sense of the sacred, which has even called into question foundations once deemed unshakeable such as ... a common understanding of basic human experiences: i.e., birth, death, life in a family, and reference to a natural moral law." (*Decree Ubicumque et Semper*, Sept. 21, 2010).

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Silent No More Awareness Campaign: New Spokesperson and Partnering

For 36 years, Julia Holcomb kept quiet about her three-year relationship with the Aerosmith singer Steven Tyler -- now an "American Idol" judge -- and the abortion he pressured her to have when she was just 17. But Ms. Holcomb has just become a new spokeswoman for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. She shared her full story with Janet Morana, co-founder of the Campaign, and a video excerpt of that interview can be seen at www.silentnomoreawareness.org. Ms. Holcomb is sharing her dramatic testimony at this year's March for Life in Washington, D.C. If you have a testimony and would like to march with the Campaign either in Washington, DC or San Francisco each January, let us know by emailing mail@silentnomoreawareness.org. You can give your testimony or just march holding a sign.

Partner with the Silent No More Awareness Campaign!

The Campaign invites individuals, churches, schools, dioceses, pregnancy resource centers and organizations to partner with it. A "partner" of the Campaign agrees that the message of healing is integral to the abortion debate, and commits to spreading the message of the harm abortion does, the healing that is available, and the testimonies that have been given. For more information see www.silentnomoreawareness.org/partner.

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By far the most destructive and offensive manifestation of this obscuring of the meaning of birth, life, and death is abortion. Therefore our Priests for Life team compiled reflections on how the pro-life mission of the Church intersects with the New Evangelization.

One of the contributors to these reflections was my friend, Rev. John Ensor, and he pointed out that Satan has always used child-killing to try to slow or stop the advance of the Gospel of Christ.

The attempt is seen in Egypt (see Exodus 1), when mass child-killing is used to try to snuff out the life and work of Moses.

Then, as God's people live in the Promised Land, Satan allures them into mingling with the surrounding nations in practices of idolatry, including the sacrifice of their sons and daughters to demons in the fire (see Psalm 106:37-38). This practice leads to the exile.

History moves on to the Incarnation, and the life of Jesus is targeted in the mass child-killing ordered by Herod.

Finally, in our day, abortion kills countless future disciples and evangelists. As Rev. 12:17 indicates, the war against Christ and his Church is symbolized in the attempt to kill a child, and the triumph of the Gospel is seen in the victory of life.

The Word of God is clear: "Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter" (Proverbs 24:11); "Seek justice, rescue the oppressed" (Isaiah 1:17). The entire Church is under obedience to this Divine command to stop the killing. We can hardly be credible in proclaiming that the destiny of the human person is to be on the throne with Christ (Rev. 3:21) if we ignore those persons thrown in the garbage.

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At any time, of course, you may write a check payable to "Priests for Life" and mail it to PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314.

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remember the following intentions:

January intention: That the faithful more deeply study the words and actions of Christ, to know how to care for the least of our brothers and sisters.

February intention: That God may bless and strengthen the pro-life efforts of college students.

Please join us at www.PrayerCampaign.org in praying and promoting the following campaigns:

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